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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

LAKE TAHOE BASIN FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Re-establish the Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) intends to re-establish the charter for the Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary and to the Federal Interagency Partnership on how the Partnership can best fulfill its duties pursuant to Executive Order 13057 to protect the extraordinary natural, recreational, and ecological resources in the Lake Tahoe Region. The Secretary has determined that the work of the Committee is in the public interest and relevant to the duties of the Department of Agriculture. Therefore, the Secretary continuously seeks nominations to fill vacancies on the Committee. Additional information concerning the Committee can be found by visiting the Committee's website at:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/LTFAC.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before [Insert date 45 days from date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]. Nominations must contain a completed application packet that includes the nominee's name, resume, and completed Form AD-755, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information. The Form AD-755 may be obtained from the Forest Service contact person or from the following website:

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http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755_Master_2012_508%20Ver.pdf. The packages must be sent to the addresses below.

ADDRESS: Send nominations and applications to Lynn Wright, Acting Partnership/FACA Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Wright, Acting Partnership/FACA Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150, or by phone at 530-543-2627, or by email at *hwright01@fs.fed.us*. Individuals who use telecommunications devices or the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary of Agriculture intends to re-establish the Committee. The Committee will be a discretionary advisory committee. The Committee will operate under the provisions of FACA and will report to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Chief of the Forest Service.

The Committee provides a critical role in advising the Secretary of Agriculture and the Lake Tahoe Federal Interagency Partnership on coordinating federal programs to achieve the goals of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program.

Advisory Council Organization

The Committee charter and membership is renewed every two years. The members will represent a broad array of interests in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Council will be comprised of

not more than 20 members. Two representatives will be selected as members-at-large, and one representative will be selected from each of the following sectors:

- 1. Gaming
- 2. Environmental
- 3. National Environmental
- 4. Ski resorts
- 5. North Shore economic/recreation
- 6. South Shore economic/recreation
- 7. Resort associations
- 8. Education
- 9. Property rights advocates
- 10. Science and Research
- 11. California local government
- 12. Nevada local government
- 13. Washoe Tribe
- 14. State of California
- 15. State of Nevada
- 16. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- 17. Labor
- 18. Transportation

Of these members, one will become the Chairperson who is recognized for their ability to lead a group in a fair and focused manner and who has been briefed on the mission of this Committee. The Committee meets twice a year, but may meet as often as necessary to complete its business. The appointment of members to the Committee is made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the above vacancies on the Committee. Individuals may also nominate themselves. To be considered for membership, nominees must provide:

- 1. Resume describing qualifications for membership to the Committee;
- Cover letter with a rationale for serving on the Committee and what they can contribute;
- 3. Show their past experience in working successfully as part of a coordinating group;
- 4. Complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion

Background Information; and

5. Letters of recommendation are welcome.

All nominations will be vetted by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). A list of

qualified applicants from which the Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint to the Committee will

be prepared. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations priority mail via United

States Post Office to ensure timely receipt by the USDA. Members of the Committee will serve

without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses while performing duties on

behalf of the Committee, subject to approval by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies shall be followed in all

appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendation of the Committee have

taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership

should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent all

racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities.

September 29, 2015

Date:

Dr. Gregory L. Parham **Assistant Secretary** for Administration

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